

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

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Applicant(s)

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Examiner

Art Unit

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1. ☒ This communication is responsive to amendment after final filed 01/05/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 9-14, 18 and 19.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
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6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it MUST be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Applicant Representative Nataliya Dvorson on 01/18/2006.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

9. (previously presented): A display drafting method comprising:

selecting a signal or data of a controlled system, where the signal or the data is stored in a memory of a controller and the controller controls operations of the controlled system; and

setting up a display drafting information for said selected signal or data after said signal or data is selected,

wherein said selected signal or data is used in display drafting and in a design of a control program for said controller, the design of a control program is performed separately from the display drafting,

wherein the control program for the controller is designed using a ladder diagram, and

wherein the selected signal or data is stored in a shared memory accessible to both the control program and the display drafting program.

10. (previously presented): The display drafting method according to claim 9, wherein said selecting the signal or data further comprises selecting a signal or data symbol and selecting a signal or data number.

11. (previously presented): The display drafting method according to claim 9, wherein said setting up the display drafting information further comprises setting up a display component, display mode and display function.

12. (previously presented): The display drafting method according to claim 10, further comprising changing at least one of said signal or data symbol and said signal or data number after setting up part of said display drafting information.

13. (previously presented): The display drafting method according to claim 9, further comprising interrupting said setting up the display drafting information to save data of said display drafting information.

14. (previously presented): The display drafting method according to claim 9, further comprising interrupting said selecting of signal or data to save data of said signal or data selection information.

15.-17. (canceled).

18. (previously presented): The display drafting method according to claim 9, wherein the signal or data is one of an input signal, an output signal, an auxiliary signal, a count value, a timer value, and a numerical data of a controlled system, the programmable controller is configured to control the operation of the controlled system.

19. (currently amended): A display drafting method comprising:

selecting a signal or data of a controlled system, where the signal or the data is stored in a memory of a controller and the controller controls operations of the controlled system; and
setting up a display drafting information for said selected signal or data after said signal or data is selected,

wherein the signal or data is one of an input signal, an output signal, an auxiliary signal, a count value, a timer value, and a numerical data of a controlled system, the programmable controller is configured to control the operation of the controlled system, and

wherein the controlled system is a production line, and

wherein said selected signal or data is used in display drafting and in a design of a control program for said controller, the design of a control program is performed separately from the display drafting.

Allowable Subject Matter

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3. Claims 9-14, 18 and 19 are allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

(a) As per independent claim 9, the prior art made of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach, in combination with the remaining elements:

selected signal or data is used in display drafting and in a design of a control program for said controller, the design of a control program is performed separately from the display drafting, and the control program for the controller is designed using a ladder diagram

(b) As per independent claim 19, the prior art made of record fails to anticipate or make obvious the claimed invention. Specifically, the prior art fails to teach, in combination with the remaining elements:

selected signal or data is used in display drafting and in a design of a control program for said controller, the design of a control program is performed separately from the display drafting, and the controlled system is a production line.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Inquiries

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Nhon (Gary) D. Nguyen whose telephone number is (571)272-4139. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday - Friday with every other Monday off.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Weilun Lo can be reached on (571)272-4847. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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